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Thomas Zdeblick et al.

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METHOD FOR RESTORATION OF  
NORMAL SPINAL ANATOMY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 1997, Applicant hereby submits the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time and charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

**REMARKS**

Following the withdrawal of a prior Final Action, a new Office Action was issued in which claims 1-11 were rejected as anticipated by the patent to Kohrs et al., No. 5,609,636. Claims 12-14 were deemed to be allowed.

In support of the anticipation rejection of the remaining claims, it was suggested that the embodiment of FIGS. 17-23 of the Kohrs patent included all of the elements in the rejected claims.

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